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**DUTCH HARBOR FOOD AND BAIT HERRING FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT #2
EMERGENCY ORDER # 4-FH-M-SP-02-12**

The commercial herring fishing season in the Unalaska and Akutan districts will remain open for 48 hours from noon Monday, July 16 until noon Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Fishermen are reminded of the following closed waters: Waters of Unalaska Bay between Unalaska and Amaknak Islands, including Margret's Bay, west of a line from the "Bishop's House" at 53° 52.64' N. lat., 166° 32.30' W. long. to a point on Amaknak Island at 53° 52.82' N. lat., 166° 32.13' W. long. and north of a line from a point south of Agnes Beach at 53° 52.28' N. lat., 166° 32.68' W. long., to a point at 53° 52.35' N. lat., 166° 32.95' W. long on Amaknak Island.

Each permit holder registered for the fishery is required to report fishing activities and harvest to the department by noon July 18, 2012 regardless of whether or not they fished or harvested any herring. The reports should be made to ADF&G in Dutch Harbor on VHF Channel 9 or by phone at (907) 581-1239.

Commercial fishing periods will be opened and closed by emergency order based upon anticipated fishing effort, harvest rates from previous openings, processing capacity, and the abundance of herring. The department will notify the fleet of subsequent fishing periods after catch reports are received and the amount of herring harvested during the prior period has been determined.

The 2012 Dutch harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation is 1,300 tons for purse seine and 227 tons for gillnet. For further information please contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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